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eRETA eNCORE! - Using GSA's New Electronic RWA Tools the presentation will start at 1:00 PM Eastern

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eRETA eNCORE!- Using GSA's New Electronic RWA Tools external RWA Entry and Tracking Application (eRETA)

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RETA & eRETA

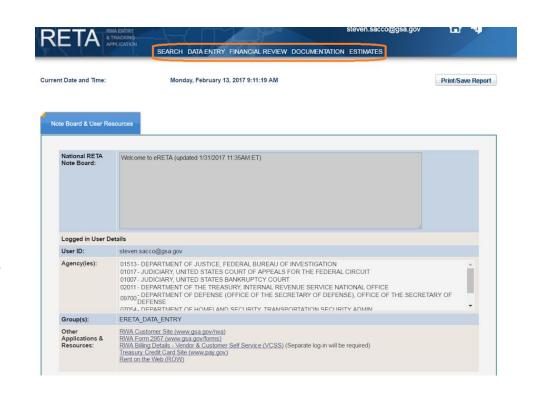
RETA/eRETA stands for "RWA Entry and Tracking Application" – GSA's electronic repository for all RWA projects.

RETA/eRETA is technically one application; the primary differences are:

- Logging in (internally vs externally)
- RWAs that are accessible (customers by AB Code, GSA by GSA Region)

RETA/eRETA contains all RWA financial information as well as an electronic document file that includes copies of the RWA 2957 form, Receipt, Acceptance, Completion and Closeout letters, and much more.

RWA Financial Information in RETA is updated 3x a day from GSA's Financial Management System.





Gaining Access and Training Materials

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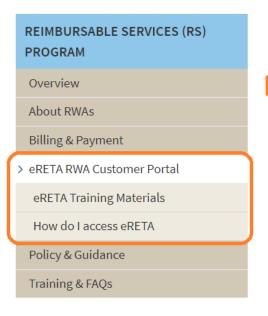
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eRETA RWA Customer Portal

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New Digital Features Now Available in eRETA

We are very excited to announce that in May 2017, the General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service (GSA-PBS) enhanced its Reimbursable Work Authorization (RWA) intake process by offering an electronic alternative to several existing manual processes.

These new features include:



Electronic RWA Enhancements

- New electronic efficiency features rolled out in 2017 allow our RWA customers to:
 - Submit new RWA Work Requests electronically online
 - RWAs can no longer get "lost" since requests are saved in the system.
 - Keep GSA accountable to responding to your requests!
 - eRETA quality checks lots of information instantly no waiting for GSA!
 - Increases efficiencies due to automated routing to all POCs.
 - Electronically initiate amendments for **existing RWAs** and submit them into GSA's database or route them to GSA for acceptance.
 - Upload documentation into eRETA to maintain an electronic "RWA file".
- Digital signature functionality to sign RWAs (with trace docs in eRETA)
 - No RETA access required to digitally sign just need an email address. You can even sign from your phone!
- These features are all optional, but highly encouraged



Customer Data Entry & Digital Signature in a Nutshell

How does Customer Direct Data Entry work?

- Customers submit new project or service need (called RWA "Work Requests")
 directly to GSA in under 60 seconds. Tracking number generated.
- The Work Request is routed to the appropriate GSA regional office who assigns a GSA Project Manager.
- Customer fills out remaining fields which is the equivalent of page 1 of the RWA 2957 Form

Digital Signatures

- Optional for Customer Agency Fund Certifying Official but required for GSA-PBS Approving Official
- O Corrections to data can be made by GSA or customer before signatures requested mitigates need for customer to sign multiple times
- eRETA access is NOT needed to use digital signatures
- GSA will route the RWA for digital signature(s) just prior to acceptance



eRETA Adoption as of Today...

- Nearly 1100 total eRETA Users (as of 3/7/2018)
- Top 10 customer agency users are:
 - o DHS (244)
 - Judiciary (132)
 - o SSA (132)
 - O DOJ (125)
 - Treasury (57)
 - HHS (48)
 - Interior (41)
 - Dept of State (32)
 - Dept of Defense (31)
 - Dept of Transportation (30)



eRETA Quiz Questions

- 1. Once granted eRETA Data Entry rights, can you edit/amend RWAs that were added to the system <u>before</u> your access was granted?
 - O Yes, if the RWA is still "Active" and belongs to my Agency Bureau Code(s)
 - No, eRETA users can only amend RWAs they entered from this point forward

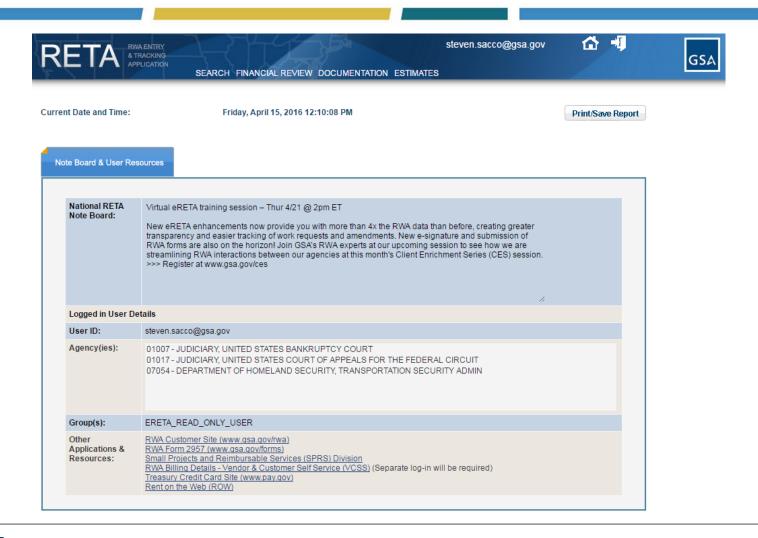
Yes!

- 2. Do you need an eRETA user ID and password to use the digital signature functionality?
 - o Yes
 - o No

No!

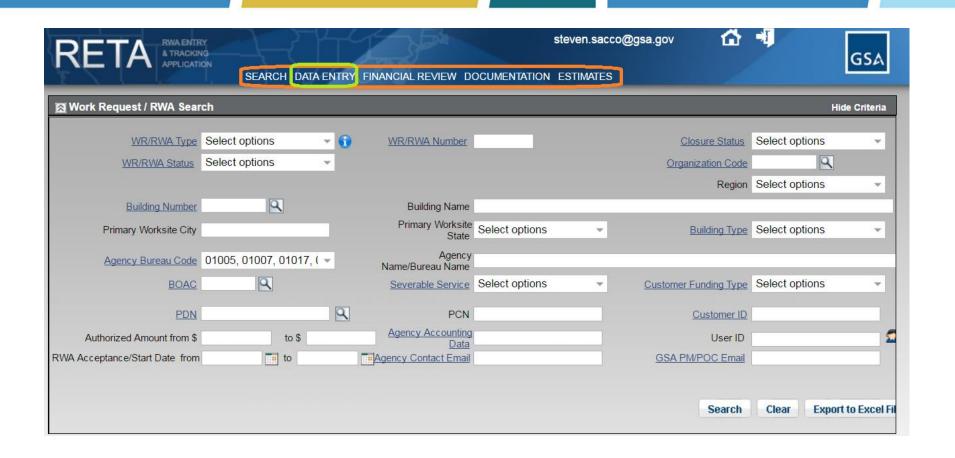


eRETA Welcome Screen



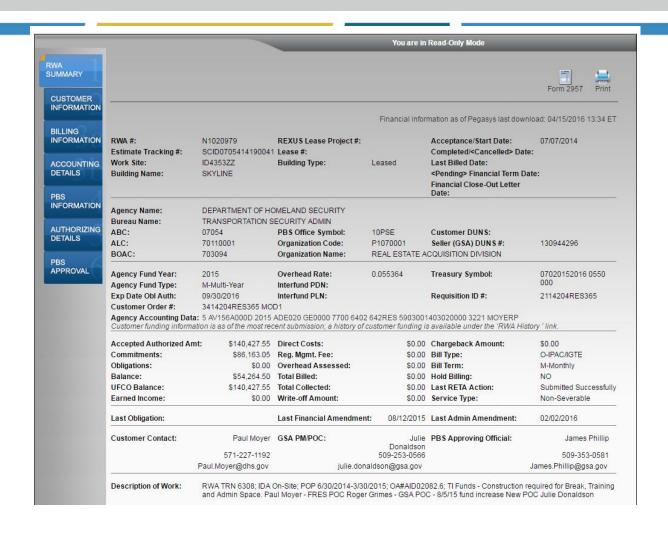


eRETA Navigation and Search Screens





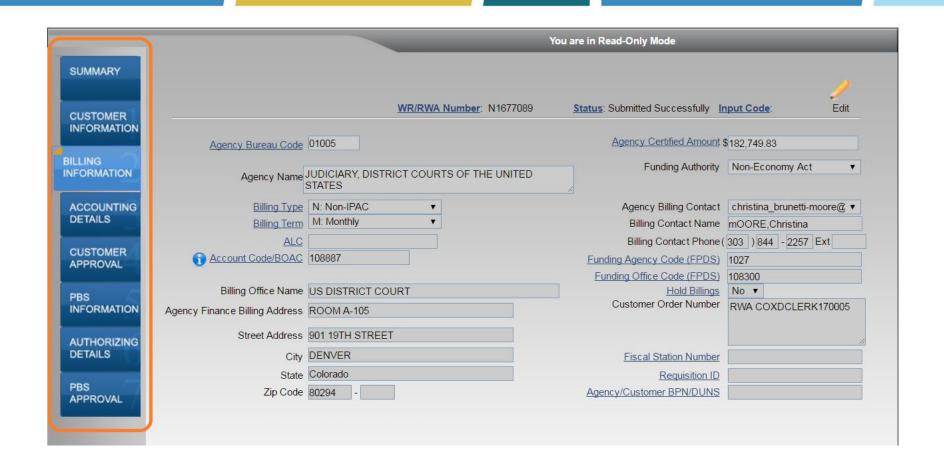
RWA Search Summary





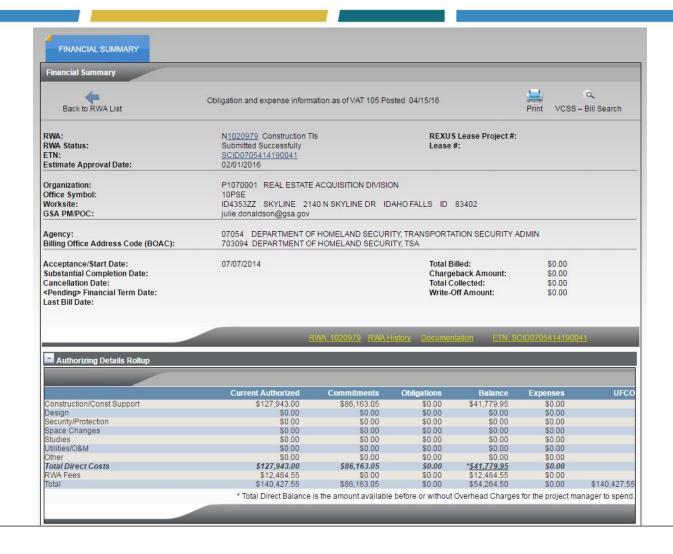
Navigate RWA Data Entry tabs

(RWA 2957 Form broken down across 7 screens)





Financial Review Summary



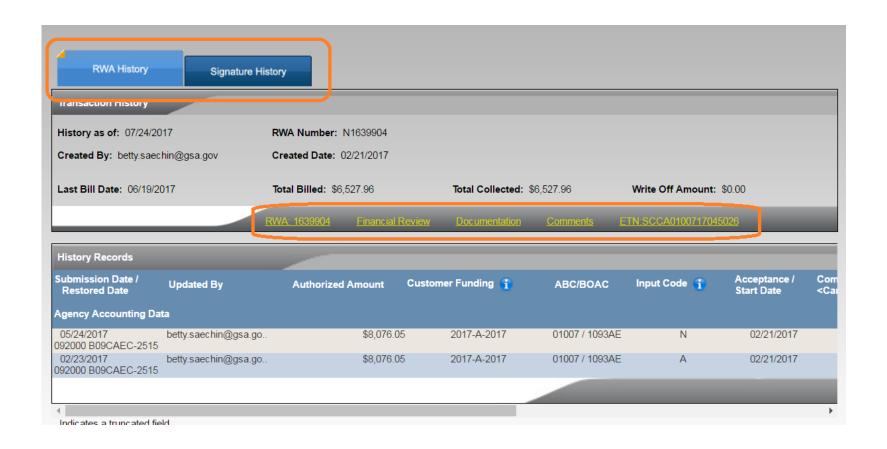


Access to Electronic Documentation

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RWA 2957 Form	N1020979 Amendment	marnelle.devos	08/10/2015	08/10/2015	
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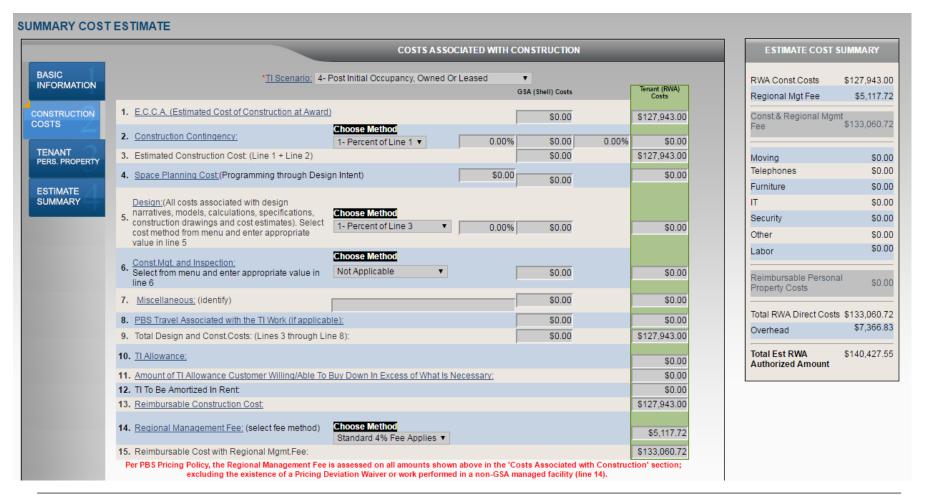


RWA Transactional History and Yellow Navigational Hyperlinks



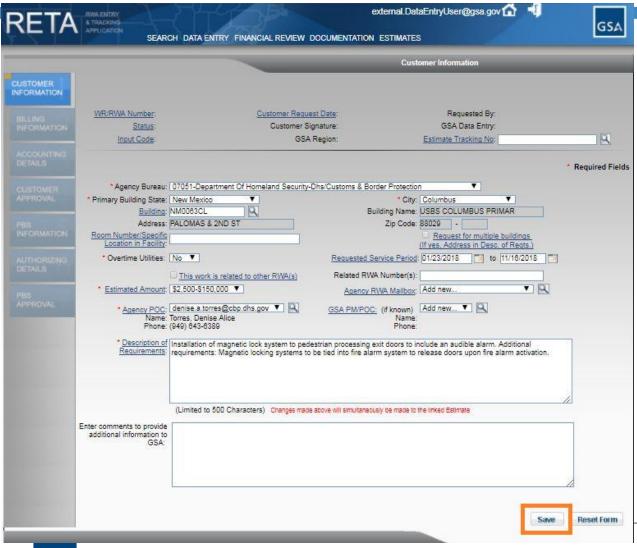


Access to Summary Cost Estimates and OT Utility Estimates



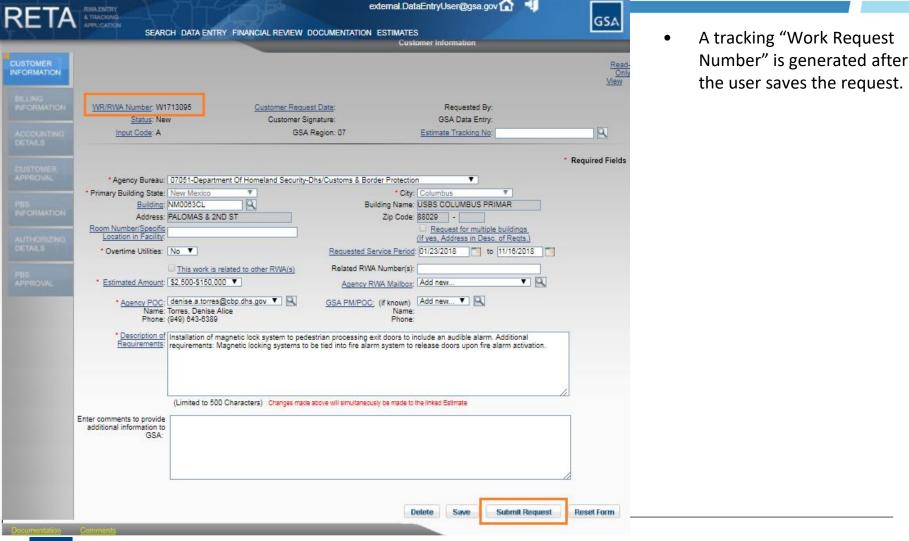


Creating/Submitting RWA Work Requests

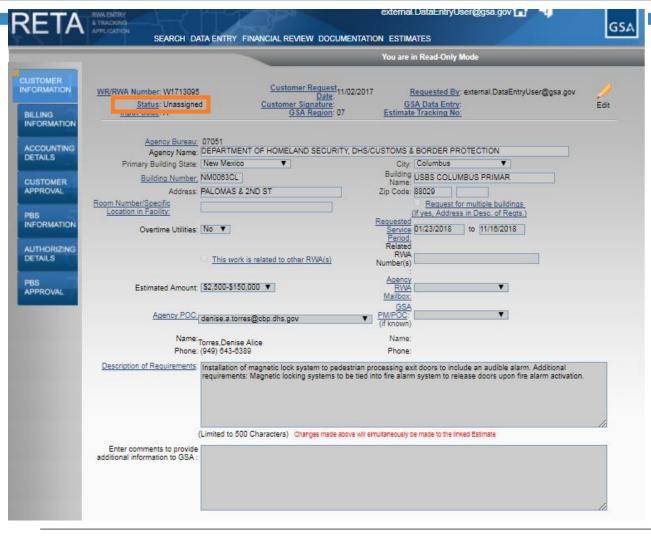


- Data Entry Wizard allows customer to provide basic information to GSA about the requested project or service.
- Required fields are marked by a red asterisk (*)
- The "Description of Requirements" field should be as detailed as possible
 - Attach documents to provide more details if necessary
- A tracking "Work Request Number" is generated after the user clicks 'Save', which you will see on the next slide.

Creating/Submitting RWA Work Requests part 2



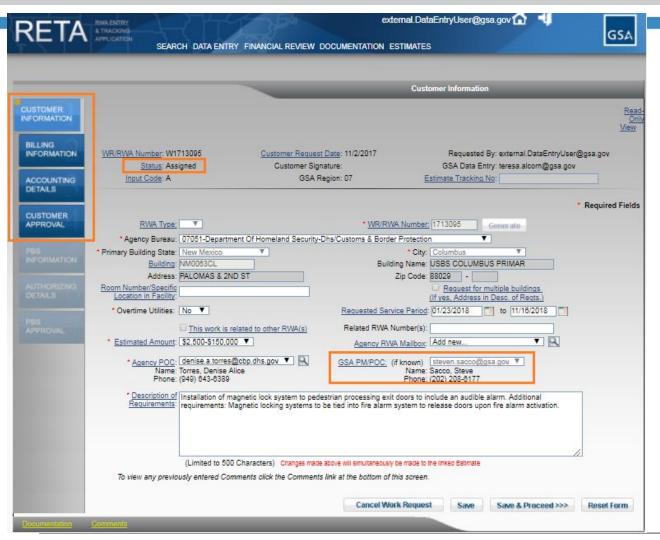
Creating/Submitting RWA Work Requests part 3



- After submitting the request to GSA, the Work Request will have an 'Unassigned' status, meaning GSA is in the process of assigning a PM to the project/service.
- Once GSA 'Assigns' a GSA
 PM to the WR, the customer
 may move on to following
 tabs. If the GSA PM is already
 defined, then the customer
 may move on to following
 tabs before GSA assigns the
 WR.



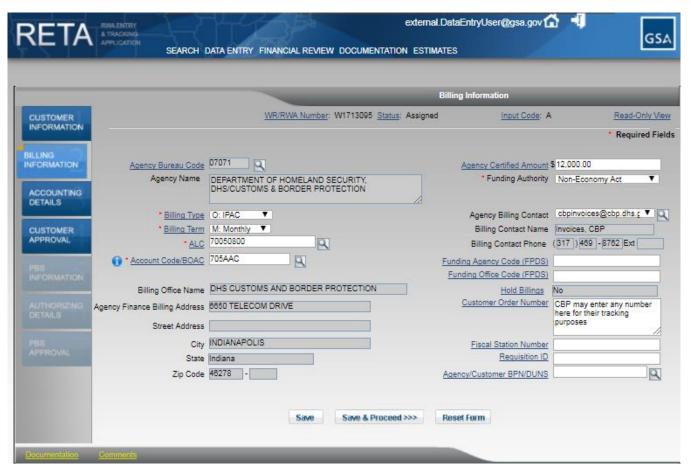
Creating/Submitting RWA Work Requests part 4



- Once GSA assigns a PM, the customer receives an automated email notifying them of the assigned PM.
- Customer now has access to all customer tabs in RETA (equivalent of page 1 of RWA Form 2957).
- Requirements development and cost estimating should occur between GSA and customer offline.
- Once GSA PM creates
 estimate in RETA they can
 link it to your WR for easy
 viewing in eRETA and/or
 email it to you



Entering RWA Information (Billing Info)



- As the Work Request is vetted and becomes an RWA, customers and GSA can view and update data through the various data entry screens (left pane).
 - Customer specific data (first 4 tabs)
 - GSA specific data (final 3 tabs)
- Customers should begin entering data in eRETA at the same time they would previously have started the 2957 Form or whenever a GSA estimate is received
 - Magnifying glass icons provide "lookups" to query BOACs or ALCs if these codes aren't memorized



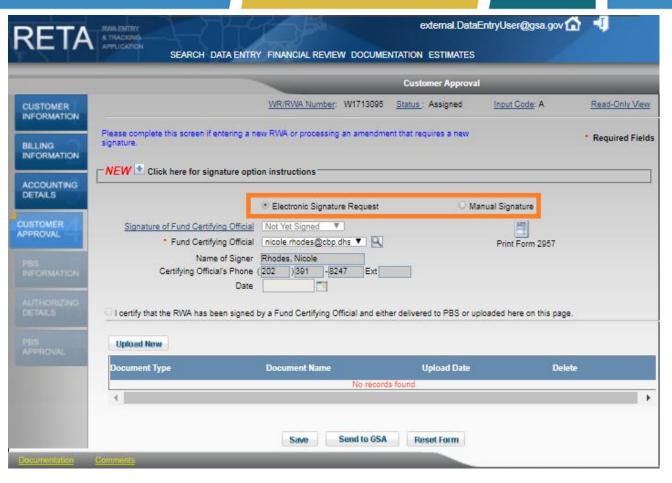
Entering RWA Information (Accounting Details)



- Enter the appropriation(s) funding this RWA including the fund year, fund type, fund expiration date, Treasury Symbols, and Accounting Data (all data is transferred to future billing statements for easy reconciliation).
- Multiple funding sources
 (e.g. multiple
 appropriations) can fund an
 RWA. However the sum of
 all sources must equal the
 authorized amount.
- If multiple funding sources provided, only one funding source can be billed at a time. Check the "Line to Bill" column



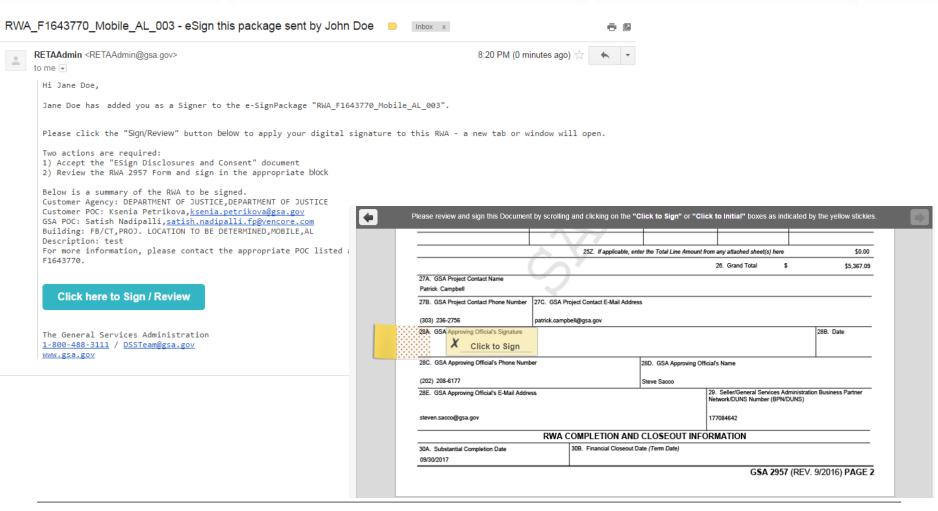
Capturing RWA Signatures



- The new "Customer Approval" screen allows customer agencies to opt in to sign their RWAs digitally just select "Electronic Signature" and enter the email of the Fund Certifying Official that's it!
- The Fund Certifying Official will receive an email from "eSignLive" to apply his/her signature after GSA enters and verifies all information already entered in RETA/eRETA
- Alternatively, customers can still print out the form, have it signed, scan it back in, and upload it into eRETA if they prefer the "Manual Signature" option

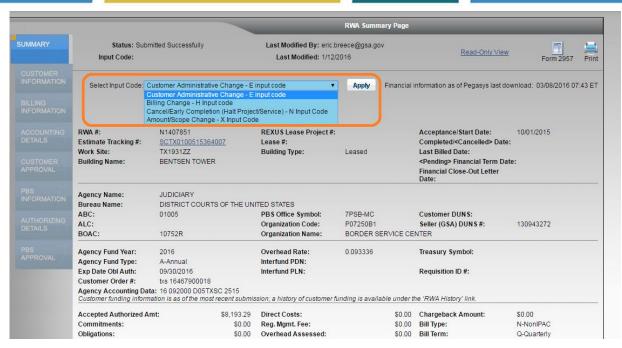


Digital Signature Email and eSignLive





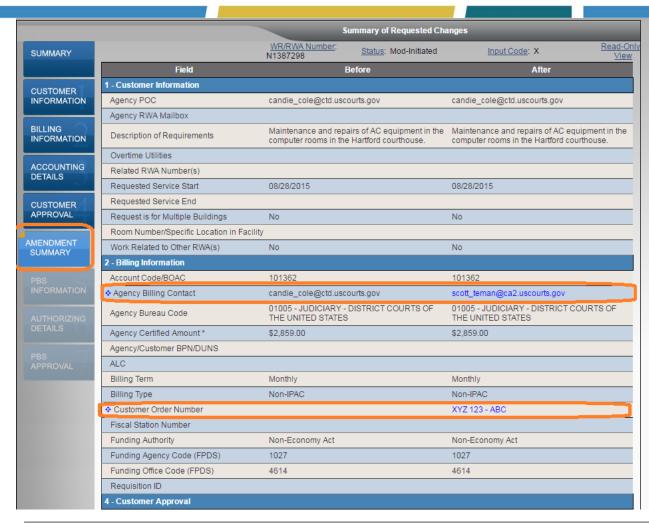
Amend and Update Existing RWAs



- Customer agencies can submit administrative amendments instantaneously without having to wait for GSA approval
- Administrative changes include: updates to customer POCs, add Customer Order Number, FPDS codes, and DUNS number
- Other amendments can be initiated in eRETA and sent to GSA for review and acceptance. This
 includes amendments such as changes to: Billing codes, Funding codes, Scope changes, and/or
 authorized amount changes (some of these changes will require new signatures)



Amendment Summary



- The "Amendment Summary" tab helps the customer and GSA to easily identify what field(s) have been changed on the amendment request.
- This tab is generated on any customer initiated amendment that requires GSA to review it before acceptance (in other words, any nonadministrative change)



eRETA Quiz Questions - Part 2

- 3. What point in the project lifecycle should a customer submit a Work Request to GSA?
 - A. The first moment the customer identifies the project or service need
 - B. Only after requirements and cost estimates have been fully vetted with a GSA Project Manager
 - C. After the customer has filled out and signed the RWA 2957 Form
 - A. The first moment...
- 3. Does my agency need to have dedicated funding set aside for a project or service before I can submit a work request in eRETA to GSA?
 - A. Yes, submitting one before funding is secured violates appropriations law
 - B. No, a Work Request only identifies a potential need, it is not a contractual agreement yet
 - B. No, a Work Request only identifies a potential need...





Questions?

- Lots of <u>eRETA</u> info available at <u>www.gsa.gov/ereta</u>
- Lots of <u>RWA</u> info available at <u>www.gsa.gov/rwa</u>
- eRETA System question? <u>eRETA@gsa.gov</u>
- General RWA question? <u>AskRWA@gsa.gov</u>
- Specific question on an RWA project or service?
 - Contact the regional RWA Manager (see map) or locate the GSA Project Manager email in eRETA







Regional RWA Managers





Director



Thank you for joining us today for a discussion on RWAs and RETA / eRETA Application's new features

Training materials, including PDF User Guides and video recordings of previous training demonstrations, are available at:

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Our next *Client Enrichment Series* session will be

FY18 RWA Policy Updates

3/15 at 1:00 pm Eastern

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